



February 2015

Up coming events

- ◆ 8 x8 Crossing the Clarence exhibition - 26th March to 26th April. Entries close Friday 20th March. Canvases from the Gallery.
- ◆ Paper Mache Workshop at Grafton Art Club on 7 May 9.30 to 3.30. Will be making a Large Moroccan Vase. Cost \$30. Contact Rhondella on 0431735215.
- ◆ Art classes at Gallery each Wed. Adult 9.30-12.00. Junior 3.30-4.30. Contact Rhondella on 0431735215
- ◆ Entry forms for the 50th Exhibition are now available online

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ARTY FACTS

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
Ferry Park Gallery, PO Box 194, Maclean, NSW, 2463.

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Important

LCACA Annual Meeting & Election of Officers For 2015

Date: 20th March 2015

Time: 11 am

Where: Maclean Services Club

Affiliated groups are required to lodge their Reports & Financial Statements by 6th March.

Nominations for all positions are accepted until 6th March.

A secret ballot will be held if more than 1 person nominates for a position. You must be a member to vote at the Annual Meeting. Subs are overdue, so if you have not paid, now is the time otherwise your name will be taken off our register.

Australia
Day Awards
dinner.
A fun time
was had by
all.



Vice President's Remarks

GENERAL MEETING 13th February 2015

Welcome to the first meeting for 2015 and thank you all for coming.

It has been a busy time for the Association over the summer break.

Thank you to Jenny, Alison, Suz, Marlene and Rhondella for organising and manning a stall at the McMarkets in Maclean on 3rd January. Our presence at that event promoted our Association in the community. The 8 x 8 competition was advertised (over 20 canvases were sold) and there was interest in the associated groups.

We participated in the Australia Day Award Nominations and were well represented at the Awards function in Grafton.

The working bee at the Gallery on 2nd February saw a good working group of volunteers install new hanging hooks, rehang paintings, reposition the stereo and other tasks. Thank you to all who participated. It gave us all an appreciation of the ongoing efforts of the gallery coordinators, Sonia and Marcia.

Preparations are underway for the AGM on the 20th march and will be finalised at the next General meeting on March 13.

Penny Stuart

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

I have unfortunately missed the start of our classes due to family problems, but Susan Porter has started back & a new student has come along to check us out. As she is already a student of Susan's in another class not associated with F/P, here's hoping she will join the group, she will be made most welcome. Ladies all working on pieces that will hopefully be finished & made available for our BIG 50th Golden Jubilee Exhibition. There will be a one - off competition in our Creative Needlework room in July open to all Embroiderers & Textile workers. The theme.....**The Golden Years** ! It's your interpretation ! Does not mean it has to be gold, just your impression of that period of time. Must be no bigger in total size, than A4 in total, including frame. Must be able to be hung. Information available on Entry Form for C/N. Another extra for C/N will be a display of Formal Clothing, Wedding Dresses, Ball Gowns etc dating back to the 50s. Men's formal suits also. Retro clothes from the 50s onwards also plus hats, bags, shoes plus, plus ! If you can loan me something from that era I would really appreciate it. Please check out Entry Form for C/N, information all there. Phone me if you can help me with clothing for display so I know what might be available. I'm still hoping an Embroiderer will step up to help with the organising of the C/N room. Get to know the ropes & be a back up for me if something unforeseen should keep me away at the last minute prior to Exhibition.

Many Thanks, Pam LeCouteur

TILL TIPS

At 3 pm you should count **all money** in till. Tally should be cash taken plus \$300. Easier to fix before you do the "Z" reading.

Common mistakes to look for

- ◆ Eftpos entered as cash.
- ◆ Postcards, stamps etc not added to sheet.
- ◆ "Z" reading done the previous day at 5pm. This is happening frequently. In this case you need to add both readings together.

Patchwork and Quilters

Welcome back everyone. The patchwork group has had a delayed start to our year due to painting at the hall where we meet. Finally we got together on February 3rd and lots of plans are being hatched. I'm sure we will have a lovely year of stitching and friendship.

The raffle quilt makers have been busy over the holidays and last Tuesday revealed what is going to be a wonderful quilt. Well done. It is easy to see the tremendous amount of work you have put in. This quilt is Asian inspired and is an original creation.

On 10th February a large number of Signature Blocks were handed back. These are for an historical marker quilt to describe our group after 25 years. The members are signing and decorating a quilt block to show their interests and techniques in 2014. The blocks so far have been beautiful. They display some lovely work and lots of interesting personal takes on the task. A quilt will be made when we have all the blocks.

Wilga is ready to resume her beloved workshops. The first will show how to measure and cover a journal. Mini workshops will occur throughout the year with other members showing us some tricks and tips.

Happy stitching
Elizabeth Buzzell President MP&Q

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

We are ready to start spinning the wool for the Exhibition raffle, having purchased wool in Autumn tonings.

It's now time to send our scarf exchange wool away to Perth. Four members are participating this year.

On the Chinese Calendar it's the year of the sheep and goat, lucky colour is green



Yamba Picture Framing
6/6 Angourie Road, Yamba,
Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount
framing to all LCACA Members

Art Reports

Community Art Space

Next scheduled event– 8x8 Competition beginning on 26th March.

A cocktail party will be held at 6pm on Friday 10 April to award prizes. Finger food provided. Please bring a plate.

Volunteers are required to manage bookings for the Community Art Space. Deferred to March meeting. Room needs to be available for on-going events.

Art Exhibitions around the Clarence and beyond

Please send your dates for inclusion in Arty Facts & website to – info@ferrypark.org

Christine Snee has volunteered to manage the Monthly Raffle. Exhibiting Members are reminded that they are required to donate an item each year towards the raffle. A big “thank you” to Suz for her many years of organizing this project.

Wanted

Website additions

If anyone has any dates, workshops, information or photographs they would like added to the website you can email them to: info@ferrypark.org
If you are sending photographs could you reduce the size as a full file is not required for the web.

Working Bee

A tentative date of 8 April at 9am has been set for the next working bee to be held to organize the storeroom at the Showground.

Date to be confirmed at March meeting

ART

Our first art meeting this week at the Old Tea Room Studio was too uncomfortable with the heat to get motivated into setting up.

We did enjoy a start a New Year lunch at the Maclean Services Club. We were to have a printing demonstration by Malcolm King but he will tutor the group next week on the 17th February. All members are welcome to attend this interesting printing method. Please contact June 66462191 for details. We intend to have many workshops/ demonstrations this year.

For the 2015 Maclean Agricultural Show some of the group will be setting up the displays of artworks, judging and sponsoring the Major Prize for the Show Society again.

Members will be working on art entries for the 8" x 8" competition and entries for the Yamba Red Cross fundraising art show.

Though the Old Tea Room Studio is a hot/cold place with no insulation, during the end of March, April, early May and September, October the area is a large comfortable space for workshops and functions for LCACA members. Art Group have good tables, plenty chairs, fridge, hot water urn and easels for use. Contact June or Jenny for conditions of use.

The room is hired from the CV Council.

We were saddened by the death of our artist friends Bob Earle and Barbara Coates, such good memories of them will be treasured by us.

June Alexander is still collating our archives and would like to include copies of any old photos or anecdotes from early members before 1993.

June 66462191.

Maclean Picture Framing

River Street Maclean
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Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

This months changeover for Artist of Month implemented Karl Rubli & Rhondella Hyde. A pleasing display of Paintings & Wood Sculpture.

The Working Bee at the beginning of the month achieved a lot. The wires that hang the paintings had new hanging hooks put on them & The Sound System & Speakers were relocated.

Sonia & I owe a big "THANK YOU" to Josie Priddle for covering the chairs & the big cleanout & reorganization of the back store room. It is very much appreciated.

Thanks again Josie.

Marcia Rutledge 6645 2753

Artist of the Month

February: Karl Rubli & Rhondella Hyde.

Publicity Report

The facebook page now has 130 and has varying amount of traffic visiting. The webpage now has all the entry forms for the exhibition to download. There will be an article in the Homemade magazine in the coming months to advertise the exhibition and the organisation. The Artist of the Month has again been hit and miss, with Clarence Valley Review being the most reliable. Most of my work has been with exhibition preparations, which is going well. We are now registered on Trip Advisor, so could you take a look and maybe give us a review to boost our profile, people visiting the area will often look on trip Advisor to see what is in the area, if we are high up on the list hopefully we will get more visitors to the Gallery. There is a link on our facebook page which will take you straight there or www.tripadvisor.com.au/Attraction
Alison Merrin

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

The working bee at the gallery on Feb 2nd was a success. The paintings on the walls were rearranged with quite a few new works added. The new hanging hooks were put into use, making hanging of the paintings a much easier job.

Leon, Mal and Stephen did lots of ladder work and relocated the stereo and speakers to free up display space. The Gallery is looking very fresh as a result. Thanks Leon, Mal, Stephen, Bobbie, Suz and Jenny for assisting Marcia and Sonia on that day. It was a good opportunity to meet up with other exhibitors who we don't see on our roster days.

Hope everyone is working on their 8 x 8 canvases – the due date is 20th March

Congratulations to Karl and Rhondella for a stunning Artist of the Month display.

Penny 6646 4340 Suz 6645 1270

ClayWorks Group

I wish to apologize for my absence, unfortunately this week end every year is booked up for me. I shall be driving back to do Sunday duty as rostered.

Most members are back & working on their projects, with two new members to add to our numbers. Wendy Witten joined us just before Christmas break & Jeff Beattie this January. They are both settling in well. They both have had previous experience of working with clay.

I have completed two firings since we resumed our classes, one bisque and one glaze. Both were good firings—in spite of the heat!

Wendy Witten has had 30yrs experience of clay work & has made many of her own glazes. She has agreed to take a workshop after April to educate us on the basics, including O.H.S.

Naturally we are all working hard on pieces for "Artist of the Month" in April.

Debbie Barnes for ClayWorx

MEETING TIMES REMINDER

The General meetings of the LCACA are held on the second Friday of each month, at 9.30 am. All Members are welcome to attend and indeed - to meet our constitutional obligations - should try to attend at least three meetings a year.